

THE PULPIT. A SCHOLARLY SUNDAY SERMON BY THE REV. L. L. TAYLOR

Subject: "Square Deal in Religion."

Brooklyn, N. Y.—As the subject of his sermon Sunday at the Rev. Livingston L. Taylor, pastor of the Puritan Congregational Church, spoke on "The Square Deal in Religion." He took two texts: Proverbs xii. 22: "They that deal truly are His delight," and Psalm xli. 7: "The righteous Lord loveth righteousness." Mr. Taylor said:

The kingdom of heaven is a square deal on earth. From the night visions of the shepherds to the day dreams of St. John it is peace and good will on earth among men, which the hosts of God are best bestirring themselves to promote. And He who came from heaven lived brother to all men, that they might ever after dwell as brethren here. But there can be no kingdom of brotherly love on earth with any other throne set up than that of a fatherly God in heaven. The square deal has its vertical lines as well as its horizontal. The horizon never limited Christ's vision of the world for the day when men would treat God right. In that day no man will have anything to fear from any other man. The thinking world is coming around more and more to Christ's estimate of religion as the power that must set things right among men. But in His day and in ours the problem of the square deal involves religion itself. It has always been hard to get a square deal for religion. It has always been hard to get a square deal in presenting the claims of religion. It has always been hard to keep a square deal at the heart of religion. These things should be borne in mind by us all as we enter upon the special religious activities and privileges of the Lenten season.

The square deal in religion involves a square deal for religion. And this in turn involves two things: first, a fair-minded attitude toward religious phenomena, institutions, doctrines and persons; and second, a determination to deal fairly with our own religious nature, a determination to give the soul a square deal.

Men deal more fairly with the fact of religion than they used to. They are settling down to the conclusion that the race is "incurably religious." They are beginning to understand that the world's history could not have been what it has been if men had no capacity and need for religion. Religion must be recognized as a legitimate human interest unless we want to throw out of court the most persistent of all classes of facts. Religion must be recognized as one of the great human interests if we are to maintain any sort of proportion in our view of human life as a whole. Religion must be recognized as the supreme human interest if we are to be consistent with any reasonable definition of religion. If religion is an affair of the soul in its relation with the infinite nothing short of this is reasonable or right. We should expect to see men, as we do, striving to make religion supreme, not content with anything short of the religion's interpretation of the universe and of human life, determined to have some sort of religious system, spending and being spent in the service of religious institutions, their churches, their missions. We should deal as fairly with these facts as we do with the facts which convince us that it is natural for men to have music, that it is natural for men to express themselves and to find pleasure in the varied forms of art, that it is natural for men to concern themselves with the right and wrong of things and with their own lives.

But fair dealing with the fact of religion requires that we should recognize the limitations and the inevitable imperfection of all the forms in which the religious aspirations of men find expression. It is nothing to the discredit of religion if our best efforts to embody it fall short of those visions of its glory with which our souls are blessed. It is no less a treasure because it is in earthen vessels. Religious systems are confessedly imperfect. Religious persons are full of faults. But they exist. They are facts. And they are as good evidence of man's religious nature as they are of the imperfection of all things human.

But how about our own religious nature, yours and mine? Have we been treating it fairly? In 1878 George Romanes, a brilliant young British scientist, came to the conclusion that he had no right to a soul or a God, and that it was his "obvious duty to stifle all belief" and to "discipline his intellect with regard to this matter into an attitude of the purest skepticism." "I am not ashamed to confess," he wrote at the time, "that with this virtual negation of God the universe seems to me to be a vast, cold, and lifeless mechanism." In 1878 George Romanes, a brilliant young British scientist, came to the conclusion that he had no right to a soul or a God, and that it was his "obvious duty to stifle all belief" and to "discipline his intellect with regard to this matter into an attitude of the purest skepticism." "I am not ashamed to confess," he wrote at the time, "that with this virtual negation of God the universe seems to me to be a vast, cold, and lifeless mechanism."

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17, 18. "Good tree—corrupt tree." The comparison of men to trees frequently occurs in the Bible. 19. "Hew them down." To this day in the East trees are cut only so far as they produce fruit. "Cast into the fire." Fire is the symbol of utter destruction.

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